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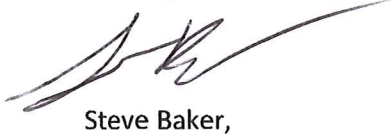
the Board of Elders
Balsam Bible Chapel
41516 Scenic Highway
Bovey MN 55709
July 29, 2014

Dear Mr. Storm,

Our church buildings, including church parsonage are located on Section 26 T58N – R24W. We are asking that you choose the route that would go further east of our property. The western route will be very close if not into our property. 100 to 150 people attend Sunday Service every Sunday. Our Pastor Frank Knoop and his family live in the church parsonage. We have a children's ministry that has been averaging 50 some children and teens each week during the school year. Our church congregation has been steadily growing the past 12 years. We have plans in place including a budget for future expansion. We would not want to reduce the size of our property, and also would not like to have high voltage power lines right next to our property either. We have heard reports that being the area of high voltage power lines on a regular basis is not healthy. They are not aesthetically pleasing either. We are located on a beautifully wooded parcel, except for near the buildings to have room for parking. We have a play area for children also near the buildings.

Since you have two options we strongly ask that you do not choose the option that would at the least be very near our property if not encroach upon. Please select the route away from our property.

Thank you for considering our request.



Steve Baker,



Bob Behrner,



Phil Bishman,



Bill Hoppe,



Loren Pagel,



Pastor Frank Knoop

The Board of Elders and Pastor of the Balsam Bible Chapel

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